

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Jerry Rolia et al.

Serial No.: 10/698,769

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GOVERNING ACCESS TO COMPUTING UTILITIES

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2010. Claims 1-2, 14-15 and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 5-15 and 18-27 were rejected. Claims 3, 4, 16, and 17 have been objected to. With this Response, claims 3, 5-8, 10, 16, 18-21, and 23 have been amended. Claims 3-13 and 16-26 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 4, 16, and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has accordingly amended claims 3 and 16 to incorporate the base claims, and as such, these claims are in condition for allowance. All remaining claims depend from these claims and are also therefore allowable.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 14, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bozak et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0027864 in view of the Brelin U.S. Patent No. 6,647,448 further in view of the O'Conner et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056126.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 14, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Eytchison U.S. Patent No. 6,363,434 in view of the Brelin U.S. Patent No. 6,647,448 further in view of the O'Conner et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056126.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-13, 15, 18-19, and 21-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Clohessy et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,334,228 in view of the Brelin U.S. Patent No. 6,647,448 further in view of the O'Conner et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056126 further in view of the Bozak et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0027864.

The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Clohessy et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,334,228 in view of the Brelin U.S.

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Patent No. 6,647,448 further in view of the O'Conner et al. U.S. Patent Application

Publication No. 2003/0056126 further in view of the Bozak et al. U.S. Patent Application

Publication No. 2005/0027864 further in view of the Contestabile U.S. Patent No. 7,123,141.

The claims are amended as discussed above and are in condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections to the claims, and requests allowance of these claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 3-13 and 16-26 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 3-13 and 16-26 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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